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Through the cooperation of the Department of State, the contents were discussed with Marshal Tito by United States Ambassador Allen at eleven o'clock in the morning on 28 June. Marshal Tito was advised that, although this report was fragmentary, unconfirmed, and should be taken with reserve, the United States Government would appreciate his evaluations and comment. 50X1-HUM

1. Marshal Tito said that while the reported movements from Iasi and Galati were new to him, he could confirm troop movements toward the Yugoslav borders. He had been inclined to view these movements as demonstrations to impress the populace. However, in view of the events in Korea, he thought that the possibility of an attack upon Yugoslavia should be reexamined.

2. As a military man he could see the possibility that the open movements of troops and tanks in Sofia* were intended to draw attention away from Korea, and that if a sudden attack on Yugoslavia were envisaged the movements would have been clandestine. Nevertheless, he was exercising the greatest vigilance and had taken extra measures to guard against both internal and external attack.

* Comment: This is apparently a reference to a recent Yugoslav announcement of such movements. 50X1-HUM

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